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Welcome to *Girl Gamer*

***Girl Gamer* is a new magazine specially for girls like you. Here you can find out all about the fab Nintendo Wii and all the great games you can buy this winter – just in time for Christmas! If** you've already got a Wii you can find out what's new to play on it and if you haven't tried the Wii yet we'll explain why it's so cool. With games like *Tomb Raider Anniversary* and *The Golden Compass* coming soon, it's the perfect time to find out more about what the Wii has to offer.

We've also got everything you need to know about the Nintendo DS Lite, the world's most popular console, which you can get in black, white or pink. Games such as *My Horse & Me* and *My Pet Dolphin* let you take your very own pet wherever you go, or if you fancy creating fantastic outfits for celebs why not play *Fashion Designer*? You can even find out here about games where you can be a top chef or look after six babies as a nanny!

Finally, there's also a great competition where ten lucky winners will get a DS Lite and game, so don't miss your chance to win on page 20.

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Girls' Guide To The DS Lite

Everything you need to know!

The Nintendo DS Lite is a handheld games machine that's perfect for playing wherever you go. It's small and light so it easily fits in your bag or pocket, and the batteries last for up to nine hours so you don't have to worry about sitting near a plug. When you're not playing you can just fold it shut to keep it safe. And it looks great too – you can choose from black, white or pink; whichever colour you like most.

DS LITE

You can easily personalise your DS with lots of accessories. You could start with a new stylus and skin in a funky new pattern, and you can also choose from lots of different cases to keep your DS clean and safe. Most have special pockets to store your spare games and stylus too. If you want your games a little louder you can also get a set of speakers, or if your parents are always telling you to turn it down, you can get special DS headphones, or even a headset with a built-in microphone too. Finally, you can even turn your DS into an MP3 player by storing songs on an SD memory card and plugging it into a special USB adapter.

'DS' stands for 'Dual Screen' because it has two separate displays – the top screen for you to watch what's going on while the bottom one is touch-sensitive so you can control what's going on. You can either use the special stylus that comes with the DS or your finger. In games like *Trauma Center* you can use the stylus to cut, sew up and wrap bandages.

There's a microphone too, which you can talk and sing into in games like Disney's *The Little Mermaid*, and in games like *Nintendogs* you can even blow into it to blow bubbles or blow things away.

If you want to play a multiplayer game with friends, the DS is wireless so you can connect to another DS without any cables. You can even play with people all over the world through Nintendo's Wi-Fi connection – it's free to use, and you can log in using your broadband internet at home or a Wi-Fi hotspot. ✚

"Perfect for playing wherever you go"

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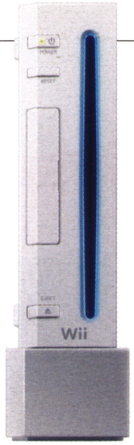


Girls' Guide To The Wii

Easy to pick up, hard to put down!

The Nintendo Wii is different to any other games console, because the controllers actually react to all your movements – you just wave, shake, point or rotate the wireless Wii remote to control the objects on-screen, like a tennis racket, a steering wheel, or even a quiz-game buzzer.

And if you've got the Wii remote in your right hand you can also use the Nunchuk in your left hand. The Nunchuk is motion-sensitive too. It connects to the Wii remote and comes with a joystick on top.

When you start playing the Wii, the first thing you should do is create your Mii character – a mini version of yourself to play in all your games. You can pick your face shape, hairstyle and colour, and choose your eyes, nose and mouth so it looks just like you. And then you can make your Mii the same height as you are! When you've finished you can save your Mii onto your Wii remote and take it with you when you play at friends' houses.

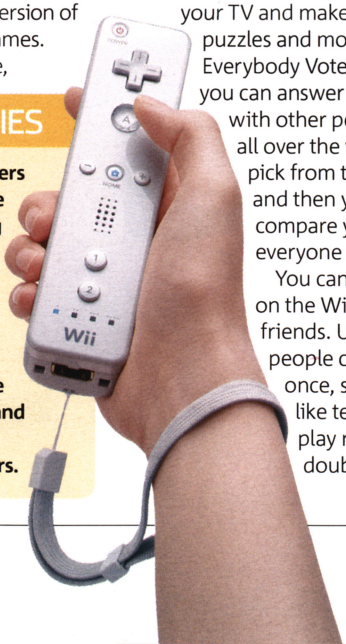
The Wii comes with *Wii Sports*, so you can play tennis, golf, baseball, bowling and boxing. And if you connect your Wii to the internet you can browse through websites, as well as download more games from old Sega and Nintendo consoles.

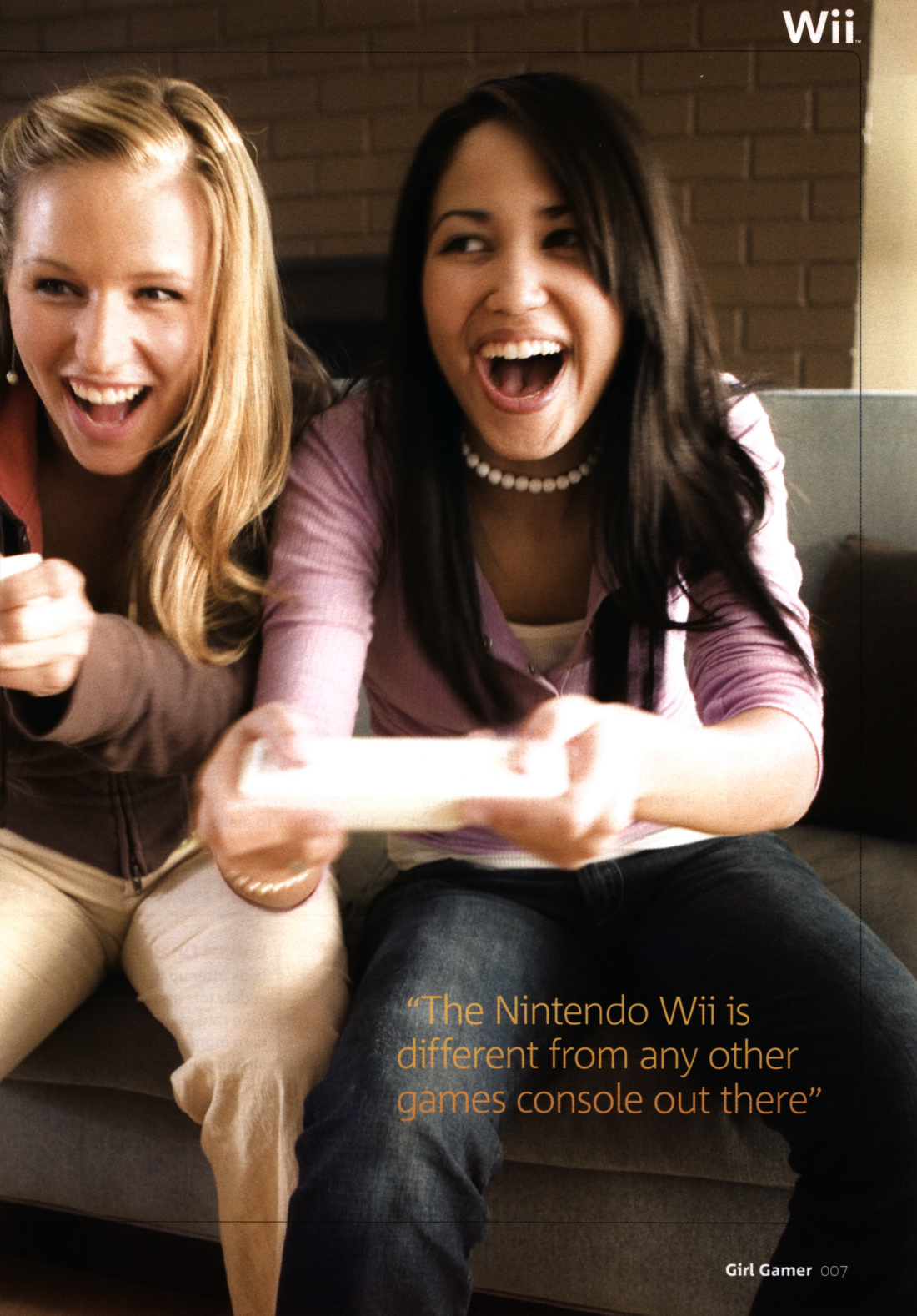
If you have any photos saved on an SD memory card you can put this in the Wii's card slot, look at them on your TV and make them into puzzles and mosaics. On the Everybody Votes Channel, you can answer questions with other people from all over the world – just pick from two answers, and then you can compare yourself with everyone else.

You can also play on the Wii with your friends. Up to four people can play at once, so in games like tennis you can play real games of doubles. +

WII ACCESSORIES

You can get special controllers for different Wii games, like a steering wheel for driving games. You can also get tennis racket, baseball bat and golf club adapters for the Wii remote and a microphone for singing games like *Boogie*. Skins are also available for your Wii and the controllers, in lots of different designs and colours.





"The Nintendo Wii is different from any other games console out there"

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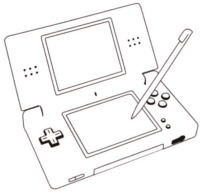

Games for Everyone

Cooking, babysitting, fashion designing, it's all here!

Are you sick and tired of games full of shooting and fighting? Wouldn't you rather be playing games that let you do fun stuff like take care of cute babies, create your own clothing designs or look after animals? Well the Imagine series, designed just for girls, will let you do exactly that!

In *Imagine Babies*, you have to babysit all sorts of cute and cuddly tots (up to six at once if you can handle it!) and make sure they're properly taken care of. You can feed them, rock them in a cradle to help them sleep, take them to the garden so they can play on a swing and give them loads of toys to play with!

Imagine Happy Cooking sees you playing as a little girl called Lisa who

***Happy Cooking* gives you advice and tells you how to make a meal.**

GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** Ubisoft
- **Developer** Various
- **Multiplayer** Yes
- **Wi-Fi** Yes

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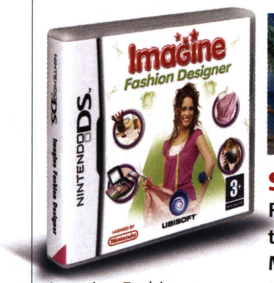

Imagine Fashion Designer: Out now

Style It Up!

Reckon you could be the next Versace? Make your own styles then send them to your friends online!

Imagine Babies: Out now

Babies On Board!

Look after up to six cuddly tots at once! Take care of them and earn money to help improve your house!

has to cook dinner before her dad comes home. You have to use the stylus on the touch screen to make each meal, from chopping lettuce by tapping the screen to stirring ingredients in a bowl!

If you're more interested in fashion than babies or cooking, you might like *Imagine Fashion Designer* instead. Here you can make your own lines of clothing by choosing your own cuts, colours and patterns. Once you've made your hip new creation, you can set up a photo shoot and share your creations with your friends online!

Finally, there's *Imagine Pet Vet*. Here you not only have to look after all sorts of sick animals by using the stylus as a stethoscope, syringe, microscope and thermometer, but you also need to make your vet clinic grow bigger and bigger so you can treat more pets. Whatever you're into, these games are perfect!

For more information visit **www.imaginegame.com** ✚

***Imagine Fashion Designer* lets you create your very own clothing lines!**

Ever wanted to make your own cool styles? Now you can!

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Imagine Pet Vet: Out now

You're The Doc!

As a vet in an animal clinic, it's up to you to take care of as many poorly pets and animals as you can!

Imagine Happy Cooking: Out now

Bon Appetit!

Help Lisa cook for her dad before he gets home. A famous chef teaches you how to make each meal!

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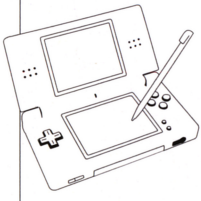
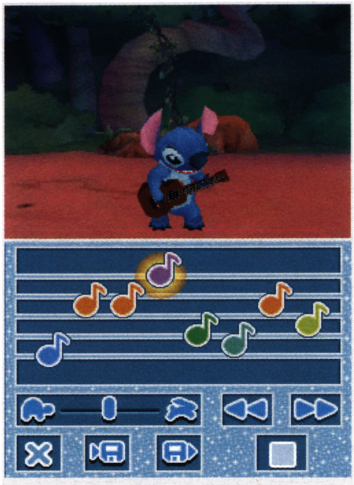
Disney Interactive Collection

Disney magic on your Nintendo DS!



You don't need us to tell you how special Disney movies and cartoons are. Time and time again they've given us laughs and smiles like no other films can, and some of the most memorable characters ever. So if you blushed at *Beauty And The Beast*, laughed at *The Lion King* and were in stitches at *Lilo & Stitch*, then these three new Disney games are well worth a look.

First up is *Disney Friends*, a virtual pet game with a difference. Instead of the usual games that have you looking after cuddly animals, *Disney Friends* has you looking after popular Disney characters instead! So you'll be using the DS's touch screen and microphone to interact with Stitch from *Lilo & Stitch*, Dory from *Finding Nemo*, Simba from *The Lion King* and Winnie the Pooh.



Use the DS's microphone to interact with Stitch in *Disney Friends*.

"These three games are absolute must-haves"

Then there's *Disney Princess*, a game that lets you take control of your favourite Disney heroines in a quest to recover magical jewels and restore the magical power of the kingdom. The Disney characters involved in the game are Cinderella, Show White, Aurora from *Sleeping Beauty*, Belle from *Beauty & The Beast*, Jasmine from *Aladdin* and Ariel from *The Little Mermaid*.

Finally, *Enchanted* is based on the upcoming Disney movie of the same name where a girl called Giselle finds herself travelling between the animated kingdom of Andalasia and the real-life New York City. You get to play as Giselle, who can summon animals and use her singing powers to thwart the evil Queen. You can also control Prince Edward, who can ride a horse and battle enemies with his sword. There is even a great selection of mini-games starring a chipmunk named Pip who has to race against the clock and find various items.

These three games are absolute must-haves for any girls who love a little bit of Disney magic. ✚

GAME INFO

Format
DS

Publisher
Disney Interactive

Developer
Various

Multiplayer
No

Wi-Fi
Yes

DISNEY FRIENDS

Use the stylus and microphone to befriend a variety of cute Disney characters. You'll earn special gold coins which can buy items for your new Disney friends.

Winnie the Pooh is just one of many great Disney characters you can befriend.

ENCHANTED

Take control of Giselle, Prince Edward and Pip the chipmunk as they attempt to thwart the evil Queen Narissa. You can create your own dresses and share them with friends.

Take control of heroic Prince Edward in your attempt to get the better of evil Queen Narissa.

DISNEY PRINCESS

Help six of the most well-loved Disney heroines save the kingdom by recovering the stolen magical jewels. Use your stylus to draw in missing parts of the kingdom and collect a variety of different items to earn a special golden dress for each princess.

Choose your heroine and restore the magical power of the kingdom in *Disney Princess*.

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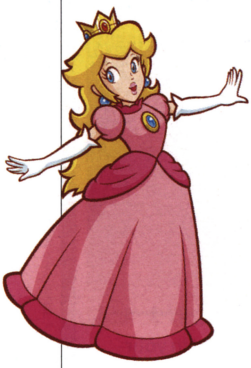
Girl Power

Our top five girl gaming icons



01 Princess Peach

Peach has been around for a long time (she first appeared in 1985!) and while she's usually getting kidnapped by the evil Bowser and being rescued by Mario, there are times when she fights back and shows that she's as strong as anyone else. For example, in *Super Princess Peach* (her very first lead role), she fights her way through the whole Mushroom Kingdom to rescue Mario!

02 Lara Croft

The elegant Lady Croft has been raiding tombs for over a decade now and she's still as strong and athletic as ever. She's soon appearing in *Tomb Raider Anniversary*, which we think is the best *Tomb Raider* game yet. This is one lady that outdoes all the boys.

03 Amy Rose

For every hero there's always a girl there to support him, and that's just what Amy Rose does for Sonic The Hedgehog. Although when she first appeared she only turned up to stare lovingly at Sonic, a few years later gamers could control her in *Sonic Adventure* and could see just how strong she actually is!

04 Chun Li

The *Street Fighter* games are a really popular series of fighting games where competitors from all over the world come together to see who's the strongest. In the most popular of these titles, *Street Fighter II* and *Street Fighter II Turbo*, there was one female character, Chun Li, who was extremely quick and could deliver some deadly blows. She's a truly tough chick.

05 Samus Aran

Samus is the heroine of Nintendo's *Metroid* series of games. Because she usually wears her huge power suit, a lot of people don't actually realise there's a woman under there! When the first *Metroid* game came out in 1986, if you completed the game, Samus would remove her suit to reveal she was actually a girl, which shocked a lot of gamers who thought they were actually playing as a man!

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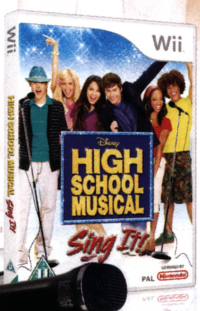

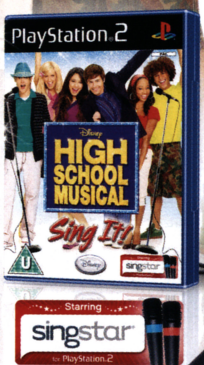

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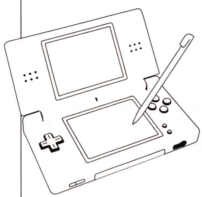
Fashion Designer: Style Icon

It's a cut above the rest!



The life of a fashion designer is fantastic, creating clothes for glamorous style icons all over the world. And now you can join in by playing a young designer in this great new game.

In Career mode you start in fashion college, where you can learn how to choose the fabric and create the patterns for your designs, and then use the stylus to cut out and sew together your outfits.

When you've graduated from college you can start your own design company working for the rich and famous and selling your clothes in shops. At the end of each level you show off your designs in catalogues or on film posters, or pick models to wear your clothes on the catwalk.

There's also a Freestyle mode, where you can design whatever you like and you can also play against your friends in design challenges through the DS's wireless connection.

To do well you have to be quick, accurate and creative in your designs. Then you can unlock more fabrics, patterns and accessories, plus more supermodels to wear your clothes.

But watch out for the evil General Gothmoth and his band of moths! They want to destroy your precious fabrics so you have to protect your designs from their cunning attacks.

Fashion Designer is a great game for anyone who's feeling creative! ✚

> "A great game for anyone who's feeling creative"

You can design every part of the clothing, from the shape to the colour and style of the fabric.

GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** 505 Games
- **Developer** Creative Patterns
- **Multiplayer** No
- **Wi-Fi** No

The evil moths are out to ruin your hard work, so watch out for them!

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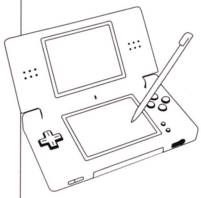
My Pet Dolphin

Make a splash on your DS!



Dolphins are cute and clever, and *My Pet Dolphin* lets you look after your own dolphin. It lives in the aquarium with other animals like penguins and walruses, and joins in with a show, 'Animals of the Sea'.

You can use the stylus to guide your dolphin and show it where to swim and how to play ball games. You can also feed your pet with fish and stroke its head when it does well. Your score is measured by how much your dolphin loves you!

Once you and your dolphin have learnt the basics, you can teach it more complicated tricks like shaking hands and catching a ball. You just drag with the stylus to show your dolphin which way to go and how to swim in a circle. Then you have to perform these tricks in front of an audience and if the crowd is impressed, you'll score more points.

If you're having trouble learning any of the tricks, you'll find helpful hints in the trivia section and encyclopedia. This is full of fun facts about whales and dolphins too. ✚

> "You can teach it tricks like catching a ball"

If the crowd are impressed with your dolphin's performance, you'll end up scoring more points.

Use the stylus to teach your dolphin tricks, like how to shake hands.

It's important to keep your dolphin happy to make him perform well.

GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** 505 Games
- **Developer** Starfish
- **Multiplayer** No
- **Wi-Fi** No

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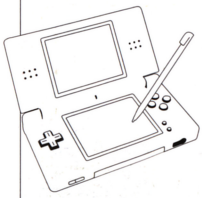
Animal Paradise

It's your very own virtual farm!



Have you ever wanted to go to a farm and play with all the animals there; petting the dogs, grooming the horses, feeding the squirrels and so on? Well, *Animal Paradise* lets you do just that, and with a massive 18 different animals to play with you can be sure there's lots to see and do!

The game puts you on your uncle's farm, and it's up to you to make sure all the animals there are well looked after, clean and happy.

There's an enormous range of cute and cuddly animals to interact with on the farm, from American shorthair cats to pot-bellied pigs. To take care of each animal though, you need to make sure you perform all the various tasks required: feeding the chickens corn, brushing the rabbits clean, washing the dogs with a hose, and so on. You can even play a game with the animals by tickling them with a feather!

18 Animals

"There's something here for every animal lover"

As you get to know your new friends better, you'll unlock special mini-games that vary between each animal. These include, amongst others, feeding the friendly squirrel his nuts as quickly as possible, making music with the ducks or simply making your dog look clean and pretty.

After you've met and befriended the animals on the farm your uncle or his assistant takes a photo and gives it to you. Collect all 324 photos and complete your album by making sure you continue to love all the animals you meet.

Animal Paradise is the closest you'll get to playing with animals on a farm without having to wash the mud off afterwards, and with loads of different animals to take care of there's definitely something here for every animal lover! +

GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** Empire Interactive
- **Developer** Agatsuma
- **Multiplayer** No
- **Wi-Fi** Yes

You'll need to regularly spray your dog to make sure it's clean and healthy.

Brushing the hamster will help to keep it happy and healthy.

FEEDING TIME!

Each animal needs certain food.

Something's Fishy

As you take care of your animals they begin to get hungry. Our cat Fluffy loves fish, as you can see here.

Golden Delicious

However, Mary (our golden hamster) isn't into fish, so instead we feed her lettuce and carrots!

The 18 different animals need different things to make them happy. This squirrel, for example, needs you to pet him regularly to cheer him up.

The more you take care of your animal and make it happy, the more likely it'll fall in love and become your friend.

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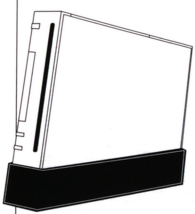
Tomb Raider Anniversary

Lara shows that girls are stronger!



If you don't know who Lara Croft is, let us fill you in. For the past 11 years she's been shooting bad guys and exploring caves, showing the world just how tough women can be. She's become such a popular role model and such a strong heroine that there have even been two *Tomb Raider* films. People say she's like a female Indiana Jones but we reckon she could take Indy too!

> "Lara Croft is the toughest girl in gaming"

Tomb Raider Anniversary is inspired by the very first *Tomb Raider* game, with all-new Wii controls that give you greater control of Lara than ever before. You'll be using the Wii Remote to swing across chasms, leap over huge pits and climb ancient sculptures to solve the mysteries of the tombs.

Lara can hold onto all sorts of ledges and cliffs to get through each level.

The Remote is used in a number of unique ways. Whether you're taking charcoal rubbings of clues, drawing hieroglyphics in the sand or using the archaeologist's tool kit to chisel away bits of rock, you'll really feel like you've stepped into the shoes of the world's greatest female adventurer.

Lara will come face-to-face with all sorts of deadly obstacles standing in her way. If she steps on the wrong slab she might trigger a dangerous trap and there are all sorts of enemies out to stop her, from evil henchmen to bears and even dinosaurs!

Lara Croft is far and away the toughest girl in gaming and she needs your help to see her through. Are you up to the challenge? ✚

GAME INFO

- **Format** Wii
- **Publisher** Eidos
- **Developer** Crystal Dynamics
- **Controller** Wii Remote/ Nunchuk
- **Multiplayer** No
- **Wi-Fi** No

The game looks very detailed and you really feel like part of the action!

You'll need good timing to help Lara grab onto these horizontal poles.

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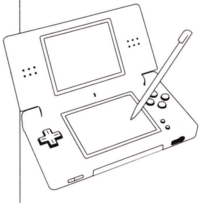
Pony Friends

Meet your new "neigh"-bour!



Having your own pony is great but they can be rather expensive! So if you've ever fancied a four-legged friend of your very own to take care of and play with, then *Pony Friends* might well be the game for you.

You can create your own ideal pony, choosing exactly how it's coloured from head to toe. You want a grey pony with dark hair? You've got it! After you've customised it, you can then name it and begin to take care of it.

As well as the sort of tasks you'd expect to have to perform in order to care for your pony – feeding it, grooming it, playing with it – you can also go off on a trek with your four-legged friend. There are 15 different trails in the game, from mountains and forests to towns and beaches, all of which can be walked through sitting on your pony's back.

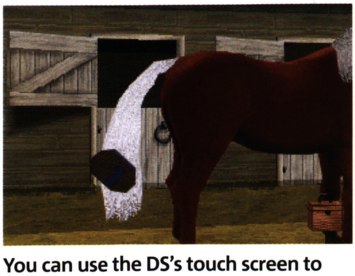
> "You can customise your very own ideal pony"

Pony Friends is great fun for anyone who dreams of having their very own pony. Although it's only a virtual pony, looking after it every day is still a big responsibility, and if you take care of it properly and play with it regularly, it could end up winning first prize in the special Perfect Pony Competition! ✚

At the start of the game you can customise your pony so it looks exactly how you want it to.

GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** Eidos
- **Developer** Tantalus Interactive
- **Multiplayer** No
- **Wi-Fi** Yes



You can use the DS's touch screen to brush your horse's tail.

You can even take your pony out for a walk through the countryside.

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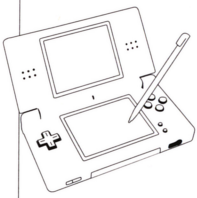
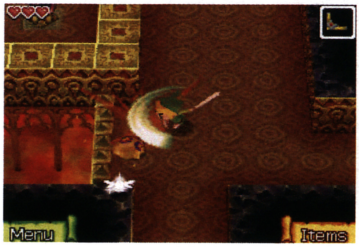
The Legend Of Zelda: Phantom Hourglass

A big adventure on a tiny handheld!



If you draw a circle around Link he'll perform a fancy spin attack.



Attacking the baddies is as easy as just tapping them with your stylus.

Nintendo isn't just famous for Mario, it's also well-known for its popular *Legend Of* Zelda games, where a young hero called Link has to save the day and rescue the beautiful Princess Zelda from her evil kidnapper. Now it's time for the latest game in the *Zelda* series, *Phantom Hourglass*, to arrive on the DS and we think it's one of the most fun games you'll ever play on it.

The special thing about *Phantom Hourglass* is that you don't use any of the DS's buttons when you're playing: everything in the game can be controlled using your stylus on the touch screen. You move Link by touching the screen in the direction you want him to go, and fight enemies with your sword by simply tapping on them (or drawing a circle if you want him to do a spin attack).

The touch screen is also used to solve some of the tricky puzzles that Link comes across on his journey. For example, one door in an early dungeon is locked, and you have to draw a symbol to open it again!

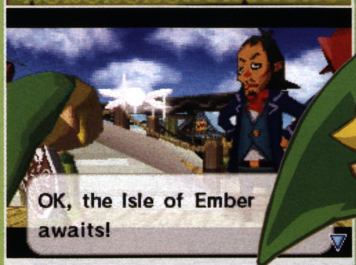
If you get stuck, all you need to do is call up your map, and then you can actually draw on the map itself to take notes. Been asked to shake a specific tree to earn some goodies? Draw a circle round the tree on the map then, so you don't forget which one it is.

Phantom Hourglass is great fun that will have you hooked from start to finish. It looks gorgeous (it's cel-shaded, which means it's coloured in so it looks like a cartoon), is great fun to play and is just the sort of thing you're looking for if you like your games a bit more complex! ✚

GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** Nintendo
- **Developer** Nintendo
- **Multiplayer** 1-2
- **Wi-Fi** Yes

"It will have you hooked from start to finish"



The game looks lovely and is full of loads of colourful characters. But you can't trust all of them!

The crafty Linebeck needs Link's help.

You can sail your boat by drawing a path for it to follow on the map. When it sets sail you can then look around for incoming baddies.

Be careful when crossing this rope, you don't want to make Link fall into the bottomless pit below him!

OUT NOW

Nintendogs

Cuddly canines on your DS!

GAME INFO
- **Format** Wii
- **Publisher** Nintendo
- **Developer** Nintendo
- **Multiplayer** 1-2
- **Wi-Fi** No

We love dogs but taking care of them can sometimes be a huge responsibility. You have to always feed them, you have to make sure they're healthy and clean and sometimes you have to take them out for a walk, even though it's pouring down with rain. Luckily, *Nintendogs* lets you take care of your own virtual puppy the easy way!

You can use the stylus to interact with your dog and use the DS's microphone to talk to it and teach it commands. You can then enter it in competitions or take it for a walk where it might uncover some hidden items or toys. You can also earn money to buy new items or costumes for your puppy, from pirate eye patches to funny hats!

There are a couple of different versions of *Nintendogs* but don't be confused; they're all the same game, just with different breeds of dog. +

Keep your puppy happy by making sure he is fed, walked and loved!

OUT NOW

Super Princess Peach

She's got real girl power!

GAME INFO
- **Format** Wii
- **Publisher** Nintendo
- **Developer** Nintendo
- **Multiplayer** No
- **Wi-Fi** No

In case you didn't know, Princess Peach is Mario's friend and for the past 24 years she's been kidnapped loads of times, meaning Mario has had to save her. This time though Mario's been captured, meaning it's up to Peach to save the day!

Super Princess Peach is the first game to star Princess Peach and it's great fun. It's a platform game, which means you walk from left to right defeating enemies and jumping from platform to platform.

Peach has some special powers that she can trigger by using her emotions. For example, when she's happy she'll float upwards with joy, letting her reach higher areas.

It's great fun for dedicated girl gamers and shows that girls are just as good at saving the day as boys! +

Peach encounters all sorts of dangers during her attempt to rescue Mario.

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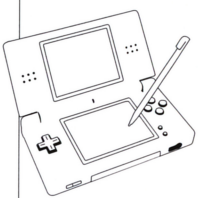
My Horse & Me

Make your horse a champion!



While there are a few games about horses available on the DS, they're mostly for people who just want to take care of a horse and maybe ride around on it too. *My Horse And Me*, on the other hand, lets you take things a bit further and actually take part in proper equestrian competitions!

As well as the competitive stuff, you can still do the sort of things you'd expect to find in other horse-based games, like taking care of your four-legged friend and customising how it looks. There are also sections where you're taught how to take care of a horse, like how to clean its teeth.

> "You can enter your horse in all sorts of contests"

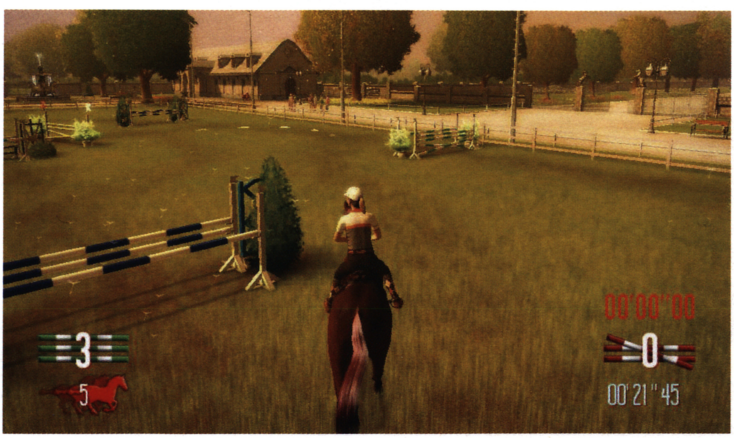
Once your horse is in peak condition though, it's time to enter it in some competitions. The game has a Championship mode where you can enter your horse in all sorts of indoor and outdoor contests, ranging from small rustic stables and riding schools to proper full-sized competitions.

My Horse And Me is not just available on the DS, you can also get it for the Wii and PC. This makes it the first FEI-licensed horse sim on the Wii. You can ride your horse either in third-person mode (which means the camera is behind you and your horse so you can see how well you're doing), or first-person mode (which means you're seeing the game through the rider's eyes).

If you want a bit more than just taking care of your horse and like the idea of taking part in proper equestrian contests, then *My Horse And Me* is the game for you! +

GAME INFO

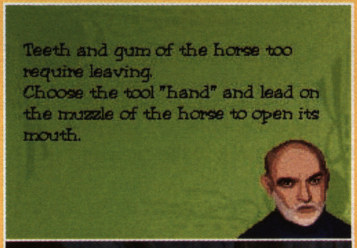
- **Format** DS & Wii
- **Publisher** Atari
- **Developer** Mistic
- **Multiplayer** 1-4 (Wii only)
- **Wi-Fi** No



The Wii version of the game features some lovely, detailed paddocks.

This is the Wii version of the game. As you can see, the horses look really realistic in it!

Be sure to jump over all the fences to be in with the best chance of winning each competition.



You need to take proper care of your horse and that includes cleaning its teeth and gums.

There are all sorts of different training exercises you can take part in to help improve your horse's skills.

There are all sort of horse-related challenges to get stuck into.

Here you have to tap the circles in the right order to teach your horse how to perform certain tricks for the judges.

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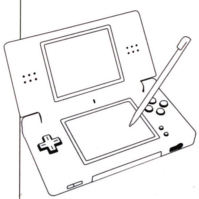
Animal Crossing: Wild World

The friendliest town ever!



Welcome to *Animal Crossing*, the town where everybody is your friend! *Animal Crossing* is a game like no other: it's a virtual village where you can run around and do whatever you feel like. There are no proper rules, there's no "end", there's no "game over". You just live in your town and do what you feel like.

You may want to buy a net from Tom Nook, the local racoon shopkeeper, and run around catching butterflies to complete the museum's bug collection. Or you might want to draw your own fabric design instead and put it on a t-shirt or an umbrella.

If fashion design is not your thing, then how about house design? You can collect furniture by either buying it from Tom Nook or performing tasks for your neighbours, then lay it out in your house. If your house seems a bit small, don't worry: once you pay off your mortgage at Tom Nook's you can have a bigger one!

One of our favourite things about *Animal Crossing* is the fact it can connect to a wireless internet connection. If you go online with your game and a friend who also has *Animal Crossing* goes online too, you can visit each other's towns. You can take the fruit from your friend's trees, give your pal various gifts or leave messages on their notice board.

Although it came out a year and a half ago, we still check on our town every day. We're still trying to catch those last couple of fish we need to finish our museum collection and have nearly saved up enough money to buy the special chair shaped like a snowman. If you have a DS and haven't entered the world of *Animal Crossing* yet, you're missing out! ✚

> "We still check on our town every single day"

We just caught this rare scorpion and have donated it to the museum!

You can pick up shells on the beach then sell them at the local shop.

GAME INFO

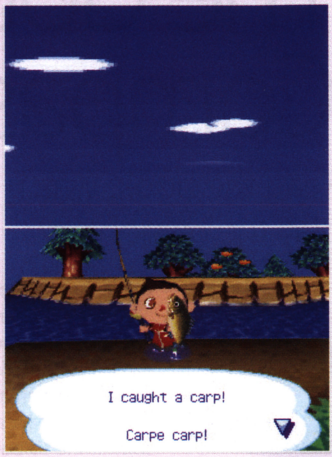
- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** Nintendo
- **Developer** Nintendo
- **Multiplayer** No
- **Wi-Fi** Yes

Blathers works at your town's museum. You can donate fish and bugs and he'll exhibit them in the museum.

There are loads of different costumes you can find and buy. For example, here we've got a pirate hat and a funny moustache. You can design your own stuff too!

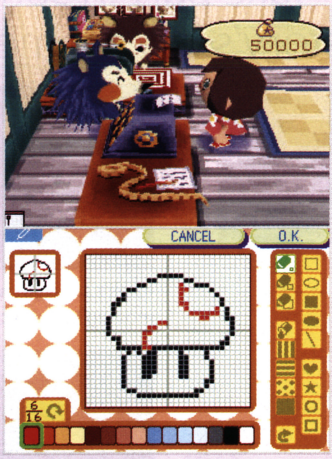
THINGS TO DO!

The possibilities are endless!



Fishin' Impossible

When you fancy a break it's sometimes a good idea to just head for the river and do a spot of fishing.



Willing And Abel

You can also go to the Abel Sisters' shop, where you can draw your own design on the touch screen!

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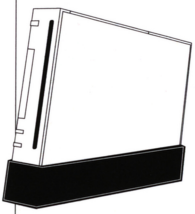
The Golden Compass

Read the book, watch the film, play the game!



You may not have read it, but *The Golden Compass* is one of the best books we've read in a long time. And what's more, there's even a film coming out that's based on it! So it makes sense that something so popular would be made into a videogame.

The Golden Compass game puts you in the shoes of Lyra Belacqua as she sets out on a quest to rescue her imprisoned uncle and kidnapped best friend. Joining Lyra are Pan (her spirit daemon) and Iorek, a powerful bear. Of course, there's the Golden Compass too: a mysterious truth-telling device that will help you out on your quest.

As you progress through the game you can make Pan transform into one of four different creatures in order to help Lyra progress. And not only does *The Golden Compass* game let you play through some of the best scenes in the movie and book but it also features some brand new locations exclusive to the game that didn't feature in the film.

If you're a fan of *The Golden Compass* book or plan on going to see the film when it's released, then the game will be a fantastic chance for you to actually take part in some of the story's key moments!

> "Take part in some of the story's key moments"

GAME INFO

- **Format** Wii
- **Publisher** Sega
- **Developer** Shiny Entertainment
- **Controler** Wii Remote
- **Multiplayer** No
- **Wi-Fi** No

Iorek's strength will be very helpful for moving big objects out of the way.

Relive many of the film's most memorable scenes in the game.

There are all sorts of dangerous creatures out to stop you in this game.

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